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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TRAWDEN.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

YEAR 1959.

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R. H. Short.



Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the Year 1959.

The birth rates and death rates were slightly lower than the previous year. These rates depend upon so many factors as to be a normal condition in a small community.

There was one infant death and one still birth during the year. In a locality where the number of live births is very low, the infantile mortality rate assumes astronomical heights, but in consideration of these figures, the number of years where the figure is "Nil" has to be taken into account in order to arrive at a true assessment of the position. Nevertheless, these high figures suggest that more research should be undertaken on the causes of death to the unborn and new born.

With regard to Infectious Fevers, the pattern throughout the country has changed considerably since the beginning of the century, for Tuberculosis, Measles, Scarlet Fever and the usual children's conditions are very much milder to-day. This state of affairs is a reflection of the welfare of the Nation. This year the numbers of infectious fevers were very much lower than last.

I am again grateful to colleagues and others who have kindly supplied me with information relative to the work outside my control, which has been of appreciable help in the preparation of this Report.

Also, I would express my thanks for the courtesy and co-operation received from the Council and Officials and Staff of the Health Department.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.E.ROBINSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year is THIRTEEN, SEVEN MORE THAN FOR 1958, viz:-

1 Case of Measles. 10 Cases of Scarlet Fever. 1 Case of Dysentery.
1 Case of Tuberculosis.

This year the Birth-Rate stands at 10.0 compared with 12.2. which is a decrease of 2.2 per 1000 of the estimated population.

The Death -rate this year stands at 16.3 compared with 18.5 and this is a decrease of 2.2. per 1000 of the estimated population.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6815.
Population - Census 1951	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2114.
Population - Estimated 1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1960.
Number of inhabited houses - Census 1931	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	807.
" " " " - 1959 (according to Rate Book)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	805.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£16099.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£60.

Causes of Death 1959. (Registrar General's Official Returns).

ALL CAUSES - Males 21. Females - 13.

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant Neoplasms Lung Bronchus.	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm Breast.	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	4	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	7	3
Coronary Disease Angina.	1	1
Other Heart Disease.	4	2
Other Diseases of Circ. System.	1	-
Bronchitis.	1	-
Other defined and Ill defined Diseases.	2	2
All other Accidents.	-	2
	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	...	...	(Total	M.	F.
			(Legitimate	=	1
			(Illegitimate.	-	-
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	...	...	(Total	-	1
			(Legitimate	-	1
			(Illegitimate	-	-
Live Births.	...	...	(Total	7	10
			(Legitimate	7	10
			(Illegitimate	-	-
Still Births	...	...	(Total	1	-
			(Legitimate	1	-
			(Illegitimate	-	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

HOSPITALS.

The Hospital Services for the Urban District are provided by the Burnley & District Hospital Management Committee of the North-West Regional Hospital Board, and action is taken by them to secure adequate hospital treatment for the varying needs of the people.

The general hospitals in Burnley & District available to Trawden residents are

Hartley Hospital, Colne.
 Reedyford Memorial Hospital, Nelson.
 General Hospital, Burnley.
 Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

There is also Grove House at Barrowford for convalescent cases.

Infectious diseases are admitted to the Marsden Hospital, Burnley.

The following Maternity Hospitals are also available :-

Christiana Hartley Maternity Home, Colne.
 Fern Lea Maternity Home, Nelson.
 Bank Hall Maternity Hospital, Burnley.

The Health Services of the Area are maintained by the Local Authority, the Lancashire County Council. These are comprehensive and include Ante-Natal, Child Welfare, Artificial Sunlight, Speech Therapy, and Minor Ailment Clinics.

The Ambulance Services are maintained by the Lancashire County Council and operate from the Headquarters of the Health Services, No.6. Division, "Oakleigh", Nr. Burnley.

LABORATORY SERVICES.

Pathological and Bacteriological specimens are examined and reported in the Laboratory at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Name of Clinic or Centre.	Situation.	Day and Time.	By whom Provided.
Child Welfare and Diphtheria Immunisation and vaccination.	Co-op Rooms, Colne Road, Trawden.	Fortnightly on Tuesday 2-4 p.m.	Lancashire County Council.
School Health Services Clinic.	Bank House, Albert Road, Colne.	Minor ailments each morning 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, Monday to Friday. Also Friday 2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. by appointment.	do.
Ophthalmic.	do.	Monday 2 p.m. to 4-30 p.m. by appointment.	do.
Orthoptic.	do.	Monthly on Friday afternoons, by appointment.	do.
Lip Reading.	do.	Monday mornings by appointment.	do.
Speech Therapy.	Carr Road Clinic, Nelson.	By appointment.	do.
Ultra Violet Light.	Bank House, Albert Road, Colne.	Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 - 10 a.m.	do.
Orthopaedic.	Carr Road Clinic, Nelson.	Third Friday of each Month. Afternoons by appointment.	do.
Maternity, Infant & School Dental.	Bank House, Albert Road, Colne.	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9-30 - 12 Noon. 1-30 - 4 p.m.	do.
B.C.G. Vaccination.	do.	By appointment.	do.
Ear, Nose & Throat.	Hartley Hospital, Colne. Victoria Hospital, Burnley.	do.	Manchester Reg. Hospital Board.
Tuberculosis and Non T.B. Chest Diseases and other Infectious Diseases.	Marsden Hospital, Burnley.	do.	Manchester Regional Hospital Board.
Venereal Diseases.	Victoria Hospital, Burnley.	<u>Males</u> . Tuesday 2-4 p.m. Friday. 5-7 p.m. <u>Females</u> . Tuesday 5-7 p.m. Friday 2-4 p.m.	do.
Ante Natal and Ante Natal Relaxation.	Maternity Home, Colne. Bank Hall Maternity Hospital, Burnley.	Friday 2 - 4 p.m. and by appointment. By appointment.	do. do.
" " "	Carr Road Clinic Nelson.	Thursday afternoon & Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.	Lancashire County C'cil.
Ante Natal Relaxation.	Bank House, Albert Road, Colne.	Tuesday mornings.	do.
Mental Diseases.	General Hospital, Burnley.	By appointment.	Manchester Reg. Hospital Board.

Mental Deficiency. Occupational Centre, By arrangement with Lancashire
Nelson. Div. M.O.Reedley. County Council.

For General medical and surgical, facilities are available at :-

Hartley Hospital, Colne.
Reedyford Hospital, Nelson.
Victoria Hospital, Burnley.
General Hospital, Burnley.

Ambulance services are provided by the Lancashire County Council and are administered from the Divisional Health Office at Reedley.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY:- The water is obtained from springs and a boring in Boulsworth Hill, and is conveyed by pipe direct to the Houses. It is of constant supply and excellent quality, 741 houses being supplied. The remaining 84 houses have private supplies from springs and boreholes; the water generally being of satisfactory analysis.

Pollution of RIVERS AND STREAMS:- These powers are under the Joint Board for the District.

TREATMENT OF SEWAGE:- All sewage treated at the works of the Colne Corporation.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF 1959.

Privy middens - No. of middens	-	NIL.
No. of closets attached to these middens	-	NIL.
No. of pail closets.		53
No. of dry ashpits.		NIL.
No. of movable ashbins.		711.
No. of houses on water carriage system.		637.
No. of fresh water closets.		616.
No. of waste water closets.		185.

CONVERSIONS.

		<u>1959.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1958.</u>
No. of Privy Closets	(To fresh W.C.s.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(To Waste W.C.s.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	(To pails etc.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
No. of Pail Closets.	(To fresh W.C.s.	1	3	3	4	2	2
	(To waste W.C.s.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
No. of waste W.C.s to Fresh W.C.s.		6	NIL	NIL	NIL	4	2
Additional W.C.Installed at Factory.							1
No. of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles.		NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

SCAVENGERING:- Nightsoil is removed by Contract and deposited into the Council's Sewer.
House Refuse is removed by the Council's Motor Waggon and deposited in a disused Quarry.

SANITARY INSPECTION DURING 1959.

Number of Premises visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
Number of defects or nuisance discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Number abated by Informal Notice	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Number of Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	Informal ..	4
						Statutory .	NIL.

No legal proceedings were necessary.

No action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.

Eradication of Bed Bugs: There were no infested premises.

There were no offensive trades in the District.

There were no common lodging-houses, houses-let-in lodgings, tents, vans or shed, canal boats or underground sleeping rooms.

WORKSHOPS and Workplaces were found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The children are educated and cared for at Trawden County Primary School under ideal conditions. The sanitary condition and water supply of the School are good. The medical inspection of the children is undertaken by the County Authorities.

HOUSING.

Number of houses erected during the Year:-

a. Total including numbers given separately under b.

(1) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.
(3) By other bodies and persons	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.

b. With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-

(1) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.
(2) By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	NIL.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year 26.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY:- Under the supervision and control of the Lancashire County Council.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS:- Fresh Meat supplies to Butchers killed and inspected at Slaughterhouses in the Borough of Colne.

Private Slaughterhouses - Number registered NIL.

Number licensed NIL.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (If known)					
Number Inspected					
All diseases except Tuberculosis; Whole Carcases condemned					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.					
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis,					
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcasses condemned.					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned; Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.					

BAKEHOUSES. Four exist and are in good condition - periodical inspection made.

SHOPS. Bi-annual inspection by Public Health Inspector.

ADULTERATION. Sampling under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938., was carried out by the Public Health Department of the Lancashire County Council.

ICE-CREAM. FIVE retailers registered under Section 14. of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Periodical Inspection.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS. NIL.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Thirteen cases of Infectious Diseases occurred during the year.

Bacteriological Examinations are made at the Medical Research Council's Laboratory at Burnley.

Specimens examined - NIL.

DISINFECTANT - One premise.

TUBERCULOSIS. One case was notified.

No action was taken under the P.H. (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925., or the P.H.A. Act, 1936., Section 172.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred.

COUNCIL OFFICES,
TRAWDEN FOREST,
COLNE. AUGUST, 1960.

